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SUBJECT: REPORT OF INM-FUNDED PROGRAM ACTIVITY -
BOLIVIA - (APRIL 1992)

1. SUMMARY

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

-- IDEC CONFERENCE HELD IN SANTA CRUZ;

-- GHOST ZONE PROGRESS CONTINUES;

-- NEW DIRECO CHIEF NAMED;

-- COCA PRICES DIP, BUT NOT ENOUGH;

-- SEIZURE STATISTICS (MONTHLY AND CUMULATIVE);

-- AVIATION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS;

-- PROGRAM REPORTS;

-- RIVERINE STATISTICS.

END SUMMARY.

2. IDEC CONFERENCE HELD IN SANTA CRUZ

THE TENTH INTERNATIONAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE (IDEC) WAS HELD IN SANTA CRUZ. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE IDEC CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN BOLIVIA- REPRESENTATIVES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FROM EUROPE, LATIN AMERICA, NORTH AMERICA AND ASIA ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE. DEA CHIEF ROBERT BONNER LED THE U.S. DELEGATION. CONFERENCE DISCUSSED A BROAD SPECTRUM OF TOPICS RELATING TO NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION REQUIRED TO CURB THIS MENACE.

3. CONTINUED SUCCESS FOR OPERATION GHOST ZONE
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THE U.S. BACKED DRUG ENFORCEMENT OPERATION IN THE CHAPARE REGION, TERMED "GHOST ZONE", CONTINUED TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON ILLICIT NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES IN THE CHAPARE. OVER 900 POLICE, AVIATORS AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION, WHICH IS DESIGNED TO STOP COCAINE PRODUCTS FROM LEAVING THE CHAPARE FOR PROCESSING ELSEWHERE. THUS FAR, OPERATIONS HAVE YIELDED THE FOLLOWING SEIZURE STATISTICS: OVER 21,000 KG OF COCA LEAF, 953 KG OF COCAINE BASE, 3,500 KG OF AGUA RICA BASE, SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF PRECURSOR CHEMICALS AND THREE AIRCRAFT. IN ADDITION, 47 LABORATORIES (40 PASTE AND 7 BASE) AND 8 AIRSTRIPS WERE DESTROYED. THE NAS OFFICE HAS PROVIDED MASSIVE AMOUNTS (OVER 130 TONS) OF LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR THE OPERATION, ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF AVIATION MAINTENANCE AND FOOD FOR GROUND OPERATIVES.

4. NEW DIRECO CHIEF NAMED
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THE GOVERNMENT OF BOLIVIA (GOB) FILLED THE VACANT DIRECTORSHIP OF THE GOB COCA REDUCTION AGENCY, DIRECO, WITH DANIEL SANCHEZ IN EARLY APRIL. MR. SANCHEZ IS HIGHLY QUALIFIED FOR THE JOB, HAVING SPENT SEVERAL YEARS WORKING IN THE CHAPARE REGION AS CHIEF AGROECONOMIST FOR THE USAID BACKED IBTA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATION. HE ALSO WORKED AS DIRECO ADVISOR FOR A SHORT TIME FOR THE NAS OFFICE. WE CAN EXPECT GREATER COOPERATION AND EXPERTISE FROM SANCHEZ THAN FROM HIS PREDECESSORS. INCREASED POLICITCAL WILL FROM THE TOP, HOWEVER, WILL BE REQUIRED TO INCREASE DRAMATICALLY COCA ERADICATION STATISTICS.

5. COCA DIPS, BUT NOT ENOUGH
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COCA PRICES DECLINED SOMEWHAT FROM PREVIOUS MONTHS---

MOST PROBABLY DUE TO DISRUPTIONS CAUSED BY OPERATION GHOST ZONE. EFFECTIVE COCA CONTROL EFFORTS BY THE COCA REGULATION AGENCY, DINACO, ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE RESTRICTED SUPPLY OF COCA LEAF. PRICES DID NOT DECLINE SUFFICIENTLY, HOWEVER, TO PROD FARMERS INTO TH
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VOLUNTARY ERADICATION PROGRAM. THE AVERAGE PRICE OF COCA LEAF ADVANCED TO 146.9 BOLIVIANOS (US DOLLARS 38.3) FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL--- WELL ABOVE THE 100 BOLIVIANO BREAK EVEN LEVEL. NOTE: THE PRICES IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE ARE IN BOLIVIANOS WITH DOLLAR EQUIVALENTS IN PARENTHESES. CURRENTLY, 3.84 BOLIVIANOS EQUALS ONE U.S. DOLLAR.

MONTH	SINAHOTA	IVIRGARZAMA	ETERAMAZAMA
DEC 1991	80.00 (21.26)	130.00 (36.31)	90.00 (24.05)
- 1990	50.00 (14.70)	50.00 (14.70)	55.00 (16.20)
- 1989	52.61 (17.83)	41.74 (14.15)	73.48 (24.91)
JAN 1992	110.00 (29.18)	110.00 (29.18)	70.00 (18.57)
- 1991	91.61 (26.55)	80.32 (23.28)	81.45 (23.61)
- 1990	40.48 (13.49)	31.77 (10.59)	58.06 (19.35)
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FEB 1992	161.03 (42.49)	150.69 (39.76)	131.29 (34.64)
- 1991	198.57 (56.57)	185.36 (52.81)	168.21 (47.92)
- 1990	35.00 (11.55)	28.04 (9.25)	43.57 (14.38)
MAR 1992	185.74 (48.75)	168.15 (44.13)	177.41 (44.13)
1991	254.60 (72.54)	234.40 (66.78)	229.20 (65.30)
1990	37.58 (12.20)	29.35 (9.63)	41.61 (13.51)
APR 1992	130.58 (34.01)	147.69 (38.46)	162.31 (42.27)
1991	187.67 (53.01)	181.67 (51.32)	164.17 (46.33)
1990	30.67 (9.89)	25.67 (8.28)	35.50 (11.45)

CUMULATIVE REDUCTION STATISTICS AS REPORTED BY DIRECO
(FIGURES ARE IN HECTARES)

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MONTH	CY 92	CY 91	CUMULATIVE CY 92	CUMULATIVE OVERALL
TOTAL FROM 9/1/87 TO 12/31/91				18,596.3
JANUARY	523.9	751.1	523.9	19,120.2
FEBRUARY	359.8	465-7	883.7	19,480.0
MARCH	359.8	225.2	1,243.5	19,839.8
APRIL	355.4	201.8	1,598.9	20,194.4

CY 1992 ERADICATION BY CATEGORY

MONTH	COMPENSATED	UNCOMPENSATED	MONTHLY TOTAL
TOTAL 1991	4,662.6	824.1	5,486.7
JANUARY	495.2	28.7	523.9
FEBRUARY	344.6	15.2	359.8
MARCH	344.6	15.2	359.8
APRIL	343.4	12.1	355.4

6. ERADICATION OF COCA SEEDBEDS

THE COCA CONTROL LAW MAKES CULTIVATION OF COCA SEEDBEDS BY PRIVATE PERSONS ILLEGAL. WHEN ENCOUNTERED, THEY MUST BE ERADICATED WITHOUT COMPENSATION OR THE GROWER ON WHOSE LAND THEY ARE FOUND IS INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR VOLUNTARY ERADICATION OF MATURE COCA. DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 995.0 SQ. METERS OF COCA SEEDBEDS WERE ERADICATED. SEEDBED ERADICATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE TOTALS FOR ERADICATION OF STANDING COCA.

MONTH	SEEDBEDS (SQ. M.)	CUMULATIVE REDUCTION ANNUAL	SINCE 10/88
JANUARY 1991	4,667.6	4,667.6	70,000.6
FEBRUARY	2,832.0	7,499.6	72,832.6
MARCH	1,172.0	8,671.6	74,004.6
APRIL	1,350.5	10,022.1	75,355.1
MAY	1,164.0	11,186.1	76,519.1
JUNE	178.0	11,364.1	76,697.0
JULY	9,803.5	21,167.6	86,500.5
AUGUST	7,228.0	28,395.6	93,728.5
SEPTEMBER	2,501.0	30,896.6	96,229.5
OCTOBER	3,289.5	34,186.1	99,519.0
NOVEMBER	1,815.0	36,001.1	101,334.0
DECEMBER	2,045.0	38,046.1	103,379.0
JANUARY 1992	2,322.5	2,322.5	105,701.5
FEBRUARY	1,409.5	3,732.0	107,111.0
MARCH	769.0	4,501.0	107,880.0
APRIL	995-0		
	5,496.0	108,875.0	

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7. 1992 CUMULATIVE SEIZURE STATISTICS REPORTED BY DEA

THE FOLLOWING TABLE HAS BEEN COMPILED BASED UPON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE BOLIVIAN NATIONAL POLICE AND FROM REPORTS MADE BY DEA FOLLOWING AN ANALYTICAL COMPARISON OF THE TWO FOR THE FOUR WEEK PERIOD APRIL 1 THRU APRIL 30, 1992.

NARCOTICS	APRIL	CY 1992 YTD	CY 91
COCAINE HCL (KG)	3.8	189.9	7.4
COCAINE BASE (KG)	855.7	2,523.2	472.2
COCAINE PASTE (KG)	2.1	9.1	903.1
AGUA RICA (L)	505.0	6,652.0	3,350.0
-PASTE EQUIV.(KG)	128.6	1,767.6	893.3
AGUA RICA (BASE)	738.0	17,673.0	N/A
-BASE EQUIV.(KG)	738.0	17,673.0	N/A
COCA LEAF (LB)	34,633.0	117,373.0	7,750.0
LABORATORIES			
HCL:	4	9	1
BASE:	19	152	2
AGUA RICA PRODUCTION SITES	123	123	N/A
PASTE:	0	349	94
ARRESTS:	121	464	68
EQUIPMENT			
AIRCRAFT:	1	10	0
VEHICLES:	4	15	4
GENERATORS:	2	5	0
ARMS:	6	17	N/A
CHEMICALS			

ETHER L)	426.0	924.0	.48
ACETONE (L)	190.0	1,578.0	1.83
SULFURIC ACID (L)	579.7	3,444.4	1.51

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BICARBONATE (KG)	81.1	1,341.6	3,096.50
LIME (KG)	18,059.2	37,303.8	3,538.90

8. AIR OPERATIONS PROGRAM

I. PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS -

(A) T.'E RDTF AGAIN SET A NEW RECORD BY FLYING 632 UH-1H HOURS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL. WE HAVE AVERAGED OVER 610 UH-1H HOURS PER MONTH OVER THE LAST THREE MONTHS, A RECORD HIGH FOR THE RED DEVILS.

(B) UH-1H OPERATIONAL READINESS RATE CONTINUES AT AN ABOVE STANDARD OPERATIONAL RATE.

(C) THE AIR PROGRAM CONTINUES ITS SURGE IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION GHOST ZONE.

(D) 19 MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS, UNDERGOING MAINTENANCE TRAINING IN THE UNITED STATES RETURNED ON 27 APRIL 92 AND 11 MORE DEPARTED FOR THE IAAFA COURSE ON 28 APRIL 92. THIS SHOULD COMPLETE THE REQUIRED TRAINING FOR FY 92.

(E) WE CONTINUE TO USE THE PC-7'S IN SUPPORT OF GHOST ZONE.

II. FLIGHT HOUR USAGE -

UH-LH

	OPS	MAINT	TRNG	VIS	MED TRANS	LOGISTICS
TRINIDAD	217.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHIMORE	292.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SANTA CRUZ	27.7	12.8	231.0	15.3	8.3	35.6
TOTAL	536.9	12.8	231.0	15.3	8.3	35.6

TOTAL FOR APRIL 632.0

CESSNA

	OPS	MAINT	TRNG	VIS	MED TRANS	LOGISTICS
TRINIDAD	40.6	1.2	0.0	5.7	0.0	0.0
CHIMORE	57.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SANTA CRUZ	8.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.9
SANTA ANA	40.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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TOTAL	147.5	1.2	0.0	5.7	0.0	6.9

TOTAL FOR APRIL 161.3

9. COMPARATIVE OPERATIONAL READINESS RATE AND HOURS:

I. UH-1H HELICOPTERS:

MONTH	OPERATIONAL READINESS 1991	1992	HOURS FLOWN 1991	1992
JANUARY	74.8	83.0	188.0	296.3
FEBRUARY	83.0	84.0	377.0	617.1
MARCH	74.2	85.0	338.0	580.6
APRIL	77.3	82.0		
441.0		632.0		
MAY	74.2		512.0	
JUNE	84.0		525.0	
JULY	70.0		381.0	
AUGUST	71.0		508.7	
SEPTEMBER	74.0		435.3	
OCTOBER	63.0		339.0	
NOVEMBER	72.0		417.4	
DECEMBER	87.0		446.5	

II. CESSNA 206:

MONTH	HOURS FLOWN 1991	1992	OPERATIONAL READINESS 1991	1992
JANUARY	54.0	106.9	90.0	92.0
FEBRUARY	50.0	63.1	89.0	69.0
MARCH	40.0	165.4	85.0	99.0
APRIL	108.0	161.3	95.0	86.0
MAY	149.0		98.0	
JUNE	150.0		98.0	

JULY	99.0	81.0
AUGUST	71.0	79.0
SEPTEMBER	84.0	82.0
OCTOBER	148.0	87.0
NOVEMBER	163.0	94.0
DECEMBER	134.0	98.0

10. MAINTENANCE:

	UH-1H	C 206
MISSION CAPABLE	83	86.0
NONMISSION CAPABLE MAINTENANCE	15	0.0
NONMISSION CAPABLE SUPPLY	2	14.0
TOTAL HOURS	632.0	161.0
HOURS PER AIRFRAME	28.7	53.0
ACCIDENT FREE HOURS	19,779	253.0

11. DYN CORP PERSONNEL SUPPORT (SNAPSHOT 29 FEB 92):

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POSITION	ON HAND	AUTHORIZED	REQUIRED	FILL RATE OF AUTH (PERCENTAGE)
STATION MANAGER	1	1	1	100
SEC	1	1	1	100
INSTRUCTOR PILOTS	1	1	1	100
LOGISTICS	2	2	2	100
DATA ENTRY	1	1	1	100
QUALITY CONTROL/ - MECHANICS	7	7	8	100
TOTAL	13	13	14	100

2 QUALITY CONTROL/MECHANICS ARRIVED IN MARCH TO BRING US TO OUR FULL CONTRACT COMPLEMENT (9 MONTHS AFTER CONTRACT START.

12. (U) PILOTS AVAILABLE TO THE RDTF:

	UH-1H	CESSNA 206	RDTF
INSTRUCTOR PILOTS	3	3	6
PILOTS-IN-COMMAND	28	6	34
PILOTS	23	7	30
STUDENT PILOTS	0	0	0
TOTAL PILOTS	51	21	62
TOTAL FLIGHT CREWS	24	6	30
TOTAL AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED	22	3	25

13. THE WLE PROGRM ABSTRACT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE

PERIOD APRIL 1992 FOLLOWS:

I.

TASK FORCES	OPS SORTIES/ HOURS	TRAINING HOURS	LOGTS SORTIES	MAINT DAYS
TRINIDAD	17/1296	00	2	66
PUERTO VILLARROEL	13/528	00	1	68
RIBERALTA	00/00	672	4	161
GUAYARAMERIN	82/2256	00	0	86

(NOTE: TASK FORCE STATISTICS ARE TOTALS FOR ALL PATROL BOATS PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE BASES DENOTED. OPERATIONS MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED WITHIN THE INDICATED BASE'S AREA OF OPERATION.)

SUPPORT VESSELS

MS-341	1/168	0	0	23

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MS-223	1/288	0	0	18
MS-224	2/336	0	0	16
SAVIA	0/00	0	0	30

II. EMPLOYMENT MISSIONS

TASK FORCES	BOARDINGS	BLOCKADES	LAND INSERTS	LISTENING OPS
TRINIDAD	22	09	80	14
PUERTO VILLARROEL	44	08	34	08
RIBERALTA	0	0	0	0
GUAYARAMERIN	28	06	121	0

OPERATIONAL STATISTICS FOR WLE PROGRAM AS REPORTED BY

DEA SNOWCAP:

BASE LAB	01
AVIATION GAS	620 LTS
DIESEL	30 LTS
COCA LEAF	90 LBS
SULFURIC ACID	20 LTS
WEAPONS	06
RADIONS	01

14. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE BOLIVIAN RIVERINE TASK FORCE (RTF AS OF MARCH 31, 1992:

TASK FORCES	OFFICIALS	SUB-OFFICIALS	SERGEANTS
TRINIDAD RTF HDQTS	04	04	00
TRINIDAD	04	07	01
PUERTO VILLARROEL	04	04	04
RIBERALTA	04	03	05
GUAYARAMERIN	06	04	08
SUPPORT VESSELS	04	03	03

15A. PROGRAMS

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A. COCA CONTROL: DINACO COLLABORATED ACTIVELY WITH OPERATION GHOST ZONE ACTIVITIES. DINACO INSPECTORS TEAMED UP WITH UMOPAR GUARDS TO SECURE MOST MAJOR COCA MARKETS IN THE CHAPARE FOR GOVERNMENT CONTROL. THIS ACTION SOMETIMES PROVOKED VIOLENT REACTIONS FROM LOCAL CITIZENS WHO HAD BEEN USING THE MARKETS TO SELL COCA FOR ILLICIT PURPOSES. THE NEXT CHALLENGE FOR DINACO WILL BE TO EXPAND ITS CONTROL INTO THE COUNTRYSIDE WHERE MOST ILLEGAL COCA TRANSACTIONS NOW TAKE PLACE.
15B. PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

(1) WLE FORCES WERE PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON PREPARATION FOR AND PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION GHOST ZONE DURING THE PERIOD. TWO, SEMI-PERMANENT FORWARD OPERATING BASES (FOB'S) WERE ESTABLISHED IN SUPPORT OF THE OPERATION. IN ADDITION TO BARRIER PATROL OPERATIONS FROM THESE TWO

NEW FOB'S, DAILY PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED ON THE RIVER SYSTEMS WITHIN THE OPERATING AREA USING BOTH SMALL PATROL BOATS (22'S) AND ZODIACS (NOTE: OPERATING HOUR AND SORTIE STATISTICS REPORTED ABOVE DO NOT INCLUDE ZODIAC OPERATIONS WHICH WERE CONSIDERABLE DURING THE PERIOD). ALL MAINTENANCE AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT WAS CONDUCTED FROM THE TRINIDAD BASE WITH TWO SUPPORT VESSELS (MS-223 AND MS-224) CONDUCTING CREW/BOAT SWAP OUTS AND REPROVISIONING OF FOOD, FUEL, AND OTHER NECESSARY SUPPLIES.

(2) NEW U.S. COAST GUARD TEAM ARRIVED IN-COUNTRY ON 19 APR 92 AS MEMBERS OF DEA SNOWCAP. AFTER INITIAL CHECK-IN LA PAZ, USCG MEMBERS DEPLOYED TO TRINIDAD AND CHIMORE TO CONDUCT LOGISTICAL PREPARATION AND OPERATIONS PLANNING FOR OPERATION GHOST ZONE IN ADDITION TO THEIR SUPERVISION OF WLE OPERATIONS.

(3) NEW U.S. NAVY MTT DEPLOYED TO BOLIVIA ON 10 APR 92. AFTER INITIAL INDOCTRINATION BRIEFS AT THE EMBASSY, MEMBERS DEPLOYED TO GUAYARAMERIN AND TRINIDAD WHERE THEY PERFORMED TRAINING IN ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICAL MATTERS AND COORDINATED WITH DEA/USCG ON SUPPORT FOR GHOST ZONE OPERATIONS.

(4) NAS-FUNDED PROJECTS CONTINUED TO ADD TO AND BOLSTER READINESS OF WLE FORCES. CONSTRUCTION WORK COMMENCED ON MS-103 IN RIBERALTA WHICH WILL BE THE SUPPORT VESSEL FOR THIS STRATEGIC TASK FORCE. THE MS-103, A STRIPPED STEEL HULL OF APPROXIMATELY 70' OBTAINED FROM THE BOLIVIAN NAVY, WILL UNDERGO A COMPLETE RETROFIT INCLUDING THE REFURBISHMENT OF ALL METAL WORK, THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW ENGINE AND GENERATOR, ALL NEW SYSTEMS, AND AN ELECTRONIC PACKAGE. THE SAVIA, A SMALLER SUPPORT VESSEL PURCHASED AND RECONDITIONED DURING THE LAST THREE MONTHS BY NAS, WAS COMMISSIONED DURING THE PERIOD. BOTH THESE VESSELS WILL ADD IMMEASURABLY TO OUR ABILITY TO PROJECT SUSTAINED PRESENCE ON THE RIVERS OF BOLIVIA WITH LOW COST, INDIGENOUS CRAFT.
(5) WLE FORCES CONTINUED TO PARTICIPATE IN CIVIC ACTIONS
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